

REMARKS

Early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested. Claims 1-44 are presently pending.

In this Preliminary Amendment, only claim 16 has been amended. Claim 16 has been amended to change its dependency and to add a period at the end.

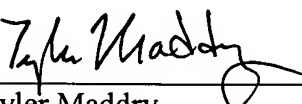
It is believed that no fee is required for submission of this Preliminary Amendment. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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